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SUBJECT: DISTINCTION BETWEEN "COMMUNISM" AND "SOCIALISM"

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1. WE WARMLY WELCOME THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTION IN REF A THAT WE SHOULD KEEP THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN "COMMUNISM" AND "SOCIALISM" CRYSTAL CLEAR IN OUR OWN USAGE AND THAT, IN OUR PUBLIC STATEMENTS AS WELL AS OUR REPORTING AND OTHER INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS WE SHOULD BE PRECISE IN REFERRING TO STATES RULED BY COMMUNIST PARTIES AS "COMMUNIST STATES", NOT "SOCIALIST STATES."

2. THIS WILL ONLY WORK WELL WHEN NOT ONLY FIELD POSTS, BUT ESPECIALLY THE DEPARTMENT IN CIRCULAR TELEGRAMS TO ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS, CAREFULLY ESCHEWS USE OF THE TERM "SOCIALIST STATES" WHEN COMMUNIST STATES ARE MEANT. PERHAPS OTHERS HAVE ALREADY POINTED THIS OUT, BUT IT WAS DISTRESSING TO SEE THAT REF B USED "SOCIALIST STATES" FOUR TIMES WHEN REFERRING TO COMMUNIST STATES AT THE LOS CONFERENCE.
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